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SUBJECT: SUDANESE DISAPPOINTMENT AT SIZE OF FY 1979 AID PROGRAM

1. AT OUR FEBRUARY 15 MEETING, MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS DENG TOLD ME HE HAD JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT FIGURE OF 16 MILLION DOLLARS HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO CONGRESS AS PROPOSED AID PROGRAM FOR SUDAN IN FY 1979.

2. DENG SAID HE FOUND THIS FIGURE DISAPPOINTINGLY LOW, PARTICULARLY IN THE WAKE OF A NUMBER OF USG PUBLIC STATEMENTS RE ITS KEEN INTEREST IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUDAN. HE RECALLED THAT CONGRESSMAN BONKER HAD PROPOSED RAISING AID LEVEL TO \$25 MILLION.

3. I TOLD DENG THAT HIS NEWS WAS LATER THAN MINE; I HAD NOT YET SEEN CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION. I SAID I WOULD CONVEY HIS CONCERN TO WASHINGTON ALONG WITH A REQUEST THAT I BE INFORMED ON THE PLANNED AID LEVEL FOR FY 1970. I POINTED OUT THAT SOME OF US AID TO SUDAN, E.G. PL-480 AND REGIONAL TRAINING, CAME FROM OTHER FUNDS.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED AS TO SUBSTANCE AND RATIONALE OF FY 1979 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION. I WOULD LIKE TO BE AUTHORIZED TO STATE THAT THE FIGURE OF 16 MILLION WAS PRIMARILY ILLUSTRATIVE AND COULD, IN PRACTICE, BE INCREASED IF ACCEPTABLE PROJECTS ARE AGREED UPON DURING FY 1979.

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